

At a time of national crisis, and the pressing need for more, not fewer sources of information and points of view, I am amazed that the FCC is contemplating dropping the cross-ownership ban. This country's media already offers slim pickings when it comes to the diversity of voices and channels necessary to sustain an actual working democracy, as anyone who has spent any time with the newspaper, radio and television offerings available in any Western European country. The FCC has already given away enough of the airwaves to corporate interests anxious to establish an unbreakable media oligopoly. As a Professor of English and American Studies who frequently teaches film and media studies (at Trinity College), and as an American citizen, I beg you not to bow to those interests, but to serve the ideal of the democratic republic instead.

Yours sincerely,
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